Suspension of former Registrar of Delhi High Court

546. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the former Registrar of Delhi High Court suspended;

(b) what were the charges against him;

(c) whether any CBI probe is pending against him; and

(d) what steps are being taken to look into the charges?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) He was suspended on 16-4-1984.

(b) There were 10 charges for various allegations about omissions and commissions in the discharge of his official and judicial duties.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The disciplinary enquiry proceedings are pending before the Enquiry Officer.

Losses of I.D.P.L.

547. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the accumulated losses of the public sector Indian Drugs and Pharmaceutical Limited have so far risen to Rs. 140 crores;

(b) whether it is a fact that these losses are mainly due to the failure on the part of the top management;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there have been acute differences among the top management;

(d) whether Government have attempted to reduce the losses and bring the IDPL on sound footing; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (d) and (e) The losses are due to various factors such as under utilisation of the installed capacity resulting from demand constraints and power/water shortage, technological problems, higher cost of production from basic stage and a product-mix predominently comprising Category I and II bulk drugs and formulations with low mark-up.

Remedial steps being taken include plugging of loop-holes in Import Policy, which inhibit production and capacity utilisation, ensuring adequate availability of working capital, raw materials and intermediates and attempts to up-grade technology.

(c) No, Sir.

Shortage of LPG Cylinders

548. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of LPG cylinders in the country;

(b) whether Government have planned suitable programme for the supply of LPG cylinders to meet the growing demand of consumers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Association of manufacturers of LPG cylinders have complained that several manufacturing units are unable to comply with the supply orders due to non-supply of valves for LPG cylinders; and